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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were significant deficiencies in the quality and reliability of power supply, which was targeted under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP);

(b) if so, whether the number of feeder trippings and duration of outage, as well as failure rate of distribution transformers, was much higher than permissible in most States;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(d) the measures taken to improve the quality and reliability of power supply, to check failure rate of distribution transformers and to bring improvement in redressal of consumer complaints; and

(e) the present status of AT&C losses in each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : The Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) was launched in the year 2002-03 with the objective of encouraging reforms and of reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, improving quality of supply of power and improving consumer satisfaction.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir, number of feeder trippings and duration of outage as well as failure rate of distribution transformers are quite high in many towns. The main reasons for these are old and overloaded distribution systems, lack of proper maintenance of distribution system, power shortages, no proper MIS etc.

(d) : Under the investment component of the APDRP, funds are provided as Additional Central Assistance to the state Governments for up-grading and strengthening their distribution networks. Works related to Renovation & Modernization (R&M) of Sub-station and Distribution Transformers; Bifurcation of feeders; Reconductoring; Feeder Metering; Consumer Service Centers; IT enabling including Sub Station Automation are taken up by the State power utilities under the programme. Massive capacity addition programme has also been launched to meet the power shortages.

(e) : On the basis of available information, the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) Loss of the State Power Utilities at the national level for 2005-06 was 34.54%. The State-wise details are at Annexure.